

Washington, DC—Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) today announced the 15 outstanding Oregon students he nominated to be considered for an appointment to U.S. military academies.

These students all attend high school in Oregon's Third Congressional District. The nominees were selected in a competitive application process based on their scholastic and extracurricular records, letters of recommendation, standardized test scores and leadership experience.

The students' applications now go to the academies for further consideration. Final selected nominees will begin classes next fall.

Congressman Blumenauer nominated the following students:

Kyle Kasie Rector, daughter of Kenneth and Jennifer Rector of Clackamas, is a student at Clackamas High School. Rector has a 3.97 cumulative grade point average, and scored a perfect 800 on the mathematics portion of her SAT's. While at Clackamas High School, Rector won numerous academic awards and received varsity letters for cross country, swim team, track and field, and band. Blumenauer nominated Rector to the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy.

Lawrence J. Franks Jr., son of Lawrence and Ulrike Franks of Gresham, is a student at Sam Barlow High School. Franks has a 3.79 cumulative grade point average, and scored in the 97th percentile on his ACT test. Franks earned "All League First Team" football honors from the Mt. Hood Conference, and is Sam Barlow's varsity captain. Franks also participates on the varsity level in track and field and basketball. Blumenauer nominated Franks to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Drew W. Anderson, son of David and Shelley Anderson of Sandy, is a student at Sandy High School. Anderson is involved in the Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis, and was coordinator of the Eagle Service Project in Sandy. Anderson is a member of Sandy's key club, law and

justice mock trial team, and the speech and debate team. Blumenauer nominated Anderson to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Evan Edward Callahan, son of Timothy and Kathleen Callahan of Portland, is a student at Cleveland High School. Callahan is a varsity wrestler and participates in his school's rugby club. Callahan scored in the 86th percentile on his ACT test. Blumenauer nominated Callahan to the United States Military Academy at West Point and the United States Naval Academy.

Robert Q. Deppa, son of Kevin and Mary Deppa of Portland, is a student at Cleveland High School. Deppa is a member of Cleveland's wrestling team where he participated on the varsity level for three years. Deppa scored a 1300 on his SAT test and scored in the 93rd percentile on the verbal portion of the exam. Blumenauer nominated Deppa to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Nathan Alexander Rizzo, son of Steven and Joanne Rizzo of Portland, is a Grant High School graduate. Rizzo was an active member of his school band, key club, student council, school newspaper, and National Honor Society. He was also a varsity athlete in lacrosse, swimming, and cross country. Blumenauer nominated Rizzo to the United States Naval Academy.

Richard Ian Kissel, son of Gary and Nancy Kissel of Troutdale, was a student at Reynolds High School. Kissel achieved Eagle Scout rank, and has been part of the Metro Youth Symphony for two years. Blumenauer nominated Kissel to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Jonathan Andrew Phelps, son of David and Phyllis Phelps of Milwaukie, is a student at Milwaukie High School. Phelps scored a 1340 on his SAT test, and has maintained a cumulative 3.97 grade point average. Phelps is also a member of Milwaukie High School's varsity football and wrestling teams. Blumenauer nominated Phelps to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Kenneth B. Smith, son of Quinton and Kathi Smith of Boring, is a student at Sam Barlow High School. Smith has maintained a 3.83 grade point average. Smith has also volunteered as an elementary student mentor, and has played soccer for four seasons. Blumenauer

nominated Smith to the Air Force Academy and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Brian Phillip Bates, son of Peter and Deborah Bates of Portland, is a student at Centennial High School. Bates is an active member of his school, serving in the National Honor Society and winning scholar athlete awards. Bates referees youth sporting events and participates on the varsity level for football and track and field at Centennial. Blumenauer nominated Bates to the Naval Academy and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Bruce Marshall Allphin, son of Michael Allphin and Kristi Bardi of Gresham, is a student at Sam Barlow High School, where he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average. Allphin has earned the status of Eagle Scout, and is an officer in Sam Barlow's student government. Blumenauer nominated Allphin to the Naval Academy.

David R. Janac, son of Merrill Janac and Maralee Canna of Portland, is a student at Centennial High School. David has participated in football and track and field throughout high school and now plays on the varsity level. Janac has won "All League" awards from the Mt. Hood Conference for track and field. Blumenauer nominated Janac to the Merchant Marine Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Thomas Henry Rudge, son of Pete and Francie Rudge of Beavercreek, was a student at Eagle High School. Rudge now serves in the United States Navy. Rudge has worked with local youth, volunteering in elementary schools and coaching soccer and basketball teams. He has also organized blood drives sponsored by the Navy. Blumenauer nominated Rudge for the Naval Academy.

Cody Maxwell Aker, son of Scott and Karen Aker of Portland, is a student at Woodrow Wilson High School. Aker is a three sport letterman, winning the varsity award in cross country, basketball, and baseball. In his free time, Aker volunteers with the Wilson Youth Basketball and Baseball Camps and with the Wilson Neighborhood clean-up. Blumenauer nominated Aker for the Merchant Marine Academy and the Air Force Academy.

Scott Michael Burback, son of Michael and Pamela Burback of Gresham, is a student at

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Centennial High School. This year Burbach serves on Centennial's Principal's Advisory Board. Scott also participates in swimming and cross country, both on the varsity level. Blumenauer nominated Burbach to the Merchant Marine Academy.

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